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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the office action mailed on October 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.